PORTER OFFERS ALIBI; WIFE TO GIVE EVIDENCE

Ex-Police Official Declares He Was Home on Night of Raid on 96th Street Flat.

GIVES LIE TO ACCUSERS

Patrolman Admits Perjury in Previous Trial-Petition to Dismiss Is Denied.

Col. Augustus Drum Porter took the stand yesterday as the first withis own home at 57 West Fifty-eighth street with his wife and a caller, Bernard Lowenthal, a business acquaintance. They will give corrobbrating tertimony probably to-day. At 11 o'clock on the evening in

question, the approximate time fixed reason to remember that her homecomby Patrolmen Wheelwright and Sorger as that of their discovery of the had not wanted to come if it was a legal Third Deputy Commissioner and a woman in a flat in Ninety-sixth street, he was chatting with Lowen-street, he was chatting with the was chattered with th two witnesses had charged him with.

events of November 12 because his day before, which was the annivers P. M. sary of armistice day. He named

octock to discuss business matters and did not leave until after midhight, Col. Porter said.

Patrolman Wheelwright had testified

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I had invited him to come to our house. For the same reason, said Sorger, he had invited him to come to our house. For the same reason, said Sorger, he had invited him to come to our house. For the same reason, said Sorger, he had to take the same reason, said Sorger, he had invited him to come to our house. that the man he found in the Ninetyt'of Porter testified that dinner." had never received a revolver from

In his cross-examination of Sorger,

feace, got the witness to admit that, his in affidavit upon which Ad ile Godell, told him you were the Third Do the elderly woman arrested in the Nin- Police Commissioner and that estified when Adelle Goodell was tried that true?" in Special Sessions. Under cross-examination Sorger told Attorney Litcheton he had a revolver given me by Rodman made these false statements because he Wanamaker or any other Deputy Comwas under orders from Col. Pertec and missioner, and to the best of my recol-was afraid of losing his job in the Police lection, I never received a revolver from Attorney Littleton in his questioning

lef that they blamed Col. Porter for "woman story" is to be "It is not." found in this transfer

ere charged in the Porter indictment of patrol duty living guilty of the same charge as Porter-neglect of duty. He asked Judge eral order. witnesses against Porter were, as the indictment reads, his ac- Attorney Littleton asked omplices. The Judge denied this mo-

Cot. Porter presented a trim appearance when he went to the witness stand.

Me is apparently between 45 and 50 morning. Assistant District Atto years old. He has been a military man Smith expects to spend some time.

tional Guard of Pennsylvania, service in the Spanish-American war, and of his the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to Lieutenant-Colonel of the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to the witness and sorger acpromotion to the witness and sorger also were acpromotion to the witness and sorger acpromotion to the witness and the witness and the witness and the witness acpromotion to the witness and the witness and the witness are acpromo his retirement in 1915. He said he was know it.

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Establishes an Alibi. With little guidance from his counsel

Col. Porter told this story: His wife, who goes away each summer, spent last season in Greenwich, Conn., and Morristown, N. J. He had ing was on Nevember 11 because she

that in his own apartment two miles restaurant in West Fifty-sixth street for away, Col. Porter said. He charac- dinner. They were there about an hour, terized as farse everything the State's then went directly to their apartment, two witnesses had charged him with. Mrs. Porter's trunks had been delayed. He said he recalled clearly the but they had not been at home ions when Supt. Cayne of the apartment house sent wife had returned from several helped Coyne carry them to Mrs. Porword they had arrived and Col. Porter months' stay in the country only the ter's room. It was then about 10:15

"I had intended to help Mrs. Porter the restaurant where they dired and "but about 10 o'clock Mr. Lowenthal said they got home a little after 2 had come in. He is a man I had known b'clock. He then helped the super- about five years. I met him when I intendent of the apartment house to had an office in West Forty-second ourry Mrs. Porter's trunks into her street and was in the moving picture coon. Lowenthal arrived at 10 business. He was in the same business o'clock to discuss business matters. He frequently dired at my home.

"When he came we went into my in establishing his room and he remained until after middentity as Col. Porter displayed a res night. We talked over business matters

Attorney Littleton said: "It has been Rodman Wanamaker of any other testified here that you were found with Deputy, or from anybody else so in as a woman on the evening of November 12 in an apartment in West Ninetysixth street and that you gave the name of Clarence Wolf. Is that true." "It is not true." Col. Porter said em-

"It has been testified," the lawyer present testimony being true, he had went on, "that you invited Officer iwice perjured himself. He nail said in Wheelwright into an adjoining room and ty-sixth street raid, was held by Magis-irate Jean Norris, that the man found you said had been given you by Deputy there was unknown to him, and had so Commissioner Redmen Wanamaker. Is

"No, sir. And, by the way I anybody

Counsel went through the stories of

their transfer last month from plain Wheelwright and Sorger piece by piece. sothes to patrol duty. He will insist asking the witness if any part of them that their motive for accusing Col. Por- was true, and the answer always was. Col. Porter sald he had never talked to Wheelwright in his life. Col. Porter's counsel also made much He said he had nothing to do with the but recollected seeing the transfer noted in a departmental gen-

"When did you first hear these charges had been made against you?"

morning. Assistant District Attorne Smith expects to spend some time

and looks it. He is nearsighted and Col. Forter's cross-examination.

Wears bifocal rimless spectacles.

He told of having lived in Philadelphia eswenteen years and in New York seventeen years and in New York seventeen years; of having served in the Nathat in the superseding indictment found

The attorney went deeply into the

the entered the Police Department as matter of the transfer of the two patrolsecretary to Douglas I. McKay when the men from plainclothes duty to patrol-Matter was First Deputy, retained the ing in uniform.

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Col. Porter was responsible for it,"
Wheelwright hald.
"What was the reason?"

"You will have to ask Commissioner Enright" The witness added that he thought Col.Porter had caused the transfer because the story of the Ninety-sixth street episode had leaked out and that Wheelwright was blamed for it. He enied that at the time of the transfer he had threatened to resign and get even

In the noon recess Attorney Littleton said that in him opinion the Grand Jury ha dready indicted the two patrolmen along with Col. Porter. Prosecutor Smith and District Attorney Swann were ure this was not true. The indictment does accuse the patrolmen of neglect of duty and violation of the law ir to arrest the woman in Ninety-sixth street, and accuses Col. Porter of aiding hem in this offence.

Whelwright's partner, Sorger, followed him on the witness stand. His story of what was seen and done when they raided the flat of Adella Goodell dovetalled with that of Wheelwright. He said the uan they found was Col. Porter. Under roce-examination Sorger was questioned about his affidavit presented in the Magistrate's court and his testimony ogninat Adelle Goodell in Special Sessions n January. On these occasions he swore the man he now says was Col, Porter

Afraid of Losing His Job. "You knew you were awearing to

falsehood, did you not."
"Yes, sir."

"You knew you were guilty of perjury, idn't you? "I was afraid of losing my job," was

As Sorger said he had been brought into contact with Col. Porter in a head-years of control in Mexico, is on the quarters investigation a few weeks beverge of political ruin. re the raid, Attorney Littleton asked him how it happened that he did not recognize Col. Porter when Sorger entered the room in Ninety-sixth street. "I had never seen Col. Porter in his underclothes and without his glasses."

He said later that when the transfe was ordered, on March 14, he heard Wheelwright tell Inspector McDonald he reason was that they had found Col. Porter in a flat. He attributed the transfer to Col. Porter's influence, On redirect examination District At-

torney Smith had Sorger explain his making a false report at headquarters. The explanation was: "By the rules of the department I was

mand. The book of rules says that when the commissioner orders you to do something, it is up to you to do it. He told me to give not his right name but the neighborhood."

kept Col. Porter's name out of his affidavit and testimony in Special Sessions. se precipitately as almost to avoid The only other witness, Matthew J. yelver which he said has been given to and things generally. I did not leave Cushing of the headquarters special ser-him by Deputy Commissioner Rodman the apartment after coming in from vice squad, said he accompanied Wheelflat. He said he saw a man and a self in power. He charges that Am-woman go into the flat, but as he. Cush-bassador Bonillas in permitting himself ing, remained in the front room with to become a candidate for the Presidency Mrs. Goodell and "Brooklyn" Jack, the is a partner in this Carranza effort. had nothing of further value to offer. After Cuening testified the State nested Littleton's motion for ol. Porter was called.

The trial will be resumed at 10:30 A.

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tember 15, It Is Agreed.

tion to the United States will begin made all possible peaceful efforts to after September 15, under an agreement

understanding limited the return bodies to those whose removal to Amer-ica had been specifically requested by the next of kin.

In transporting the bodies to French ports the American Government has agreed to use not exceeding a maximum of 100 standard box cars at any one MEXICAN REVOLT'S LEADER IS OBREGON

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Sen. Alvarado Says It Will Continue Until Carranza Is Deposed.

DISCONTENT IS GENERAL

'First Chief's" Efforts to Continue in Power Expected to Ruin Him Politically.

Special to THE SCN AND NEW YORK HERALD. WASHINGTON, April 20 .- Gen. Alvaro Obregon was acknowledged as the head of the revolution against the Carranga Government of Mexico in a statement made here to-day by Gen. Salvador Alverado, special representative of the new Sonora Government.
It was also declared that the revolu-

tion would not stop with the separation of the revolting States from Mexico, but would continue until Carrange is deestablished.

Confidential information received here during the last twenty-four hours, sup-"I was afraid of losing my job," was plementing press despatches, gives sup-lorger's answer, which Judge Malone ex port to the opinion that the rebellion is making rapid headway. It is believed Washington that Carransa, after six

Acknowledgment by the spokesman for the Sonora Government that Ohry-gon is the head of the movement is OBREGON LOCATED accepted as proof that Obregon is safe from Carransa's pursuit. The revolt is spreading through the States of Sonora Sinaloa, Nyarit, Chihuahua, Durango and Michoacan. It is also predicted that developments will occur shortly in Ta-maulipas in the east, in which is Tam-Chihuahua la reported to be lost of the revolt in Durango is expected to Villa, who is said to be in sympathy with the new movement,

In justifying and explaining the pur pose of the revolution that originated in tiano Carcanza, at last have been lodirected to obey my superior officer. I proposed to erect a government in Mex- the States of Michogan and Guerrero was under Commissioner Porter's comand perfect harmony with the economic interests of other countries, especially with the United States, for reasons of So confident are the Sonora rebels of

eral that the revolution may triumph Gen. Alvarado explains that the revo-

lutionary movement is the result of the wright and Sorger to Adelt Goodell's efforts of Carranga to perpetuate him-"Carrange," the Systement says, "in

tead of using his power to carry out its case and, the Court having denied the reforms of the constitutional party in the way of free development of Mexico, has employed all the resources of the nation to prepare his plans to continue in power. For such purposes he has employed the army, the national funds, the railrovals, the telegraphs, the mails and the whole administrative machine to continue in power against the mandates of our national constitu-In explanation of the immediate cause

of the revolt in Sonora Gen. Alvarade WASHINGTON, April 20.—Removal of the American dead from within the fighting zones in France for transportation. He declares the Government of Sonora reach an understanding, while between the American and French Governments. Bodies of mear buried outside these zones now are being moved to

CARRANZISTAS SEE SONORA MEN IN TRAP

Nogales, Ariz. April 20.—Gen. Angel property damage.

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can, capital of Sinaloa, by Federal forces, according to an unconfirmed report given out to-day by Carranza ad

Sonora leaders in Agua Prieta declared they had numerous reports of a rising against Carransa in Chihuahua. Gen. Francisco Serrano, formerly resident of the Chamber of Deputies in Mexico City and for some time military secretary to Uen. Alvaro Obregon ched Nogales, Mexico, yesterday and gave out a statement apparently definitely allying Gen. Obregon with the Sonora rising. Obregon, Gen. Serrano declared, was in a "safe place" he could direct Sonora activities by radio

BY CARRANZISTAS

Pacific Coast Town.

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MEXICO CITT, April 20 .- Gen. Alvaro Obregon and his followers, who are in evolt against the Government of Venusented near the boundary line between according to a statement by Gen. Juan Barragan, the Carranaz Chief of Staff, here to-day. Gen Barragan said that oops had been despatched to pursue

rving to reach Puerto Sihuatenanejo, s nall town on the Pacific about two nundred and twenty-five miles south of Manzanillo, where he hopes to be able o go aboard a vessel bound for Guay-

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 20 .- Following request from Secretary of State Colby ov. Campbell telegraphed to-day to the State Department that Arizona had no objection to the passage from Nogales. Ariz., to El Paso, Texas, of the Mexican Generals Juan Jose Rice and Manuel Gambon, with their staffs of about thirty-five persons, en route from Sonora

JUAREZ, April 20.-Twelve hundred Mexican Federal soldiers, who arrived here Monday to join the Carranza forces massing for the drive against Sonora, left here by rail to-day for Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, the mobilization point. Gen. Francisco Ubalijo commands the

QUAKE ROCKS MEXICO CITY. Loss of Life Is Feared in of Vera Cruz. ial Cable Despatch to THE SCN AND NEW

Your Heaald. Copyright, 1920, by The Sun AND NEW YORK HERALD. MEXICO CITT, April 20.—Mexico city was rocked by an earthquake at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. first shock the people were greatly alarmed and ran from their houses into

Say Flores' Troops Are Bottled Up in Culiacan.

Were left there and though the intrict devastated by earthquakes in Jantlary. So severe were the shocks to-day
in Vera Cruz State that it is feared that
there was loss of lilfe and considerable

ALLOWS R. R. COS. TO OWN WATER LINES

New Bill Would 'Clarify New Haven Situation.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD. Washington, April 26.—Railroads would be allowed to own competing water lines in the coasting trade and on the great lakes, but transcontinental roads would not be permitted to control steamship lines using the Panama Canal, under a bill introduced to-day by Senator Kellorg (Minn.). Permission must be obtained from the Interetate Commerce Commission in each case which is required to grant it if satisfied that it is in the public interest.

Senator Kellogg explained that the old Panama Canal act prohibited rallroads owning competing water lines. When the Cummins-Esch bill was in the House it was amended to allow railroads to own steamships on the great akes and inland waterways, except the Mississippi and Panama Canal. was dropped from the bill in conference with the understanding that Senator Kellogg should introduce a separate measure later and that the Interstate. Commerce Committee would give hear-

ings on it. Senator Kellogg added: "The New England representatives were very anxlous to clarify the railroad situation between New York and Boston and various intermediate towns where the New Haven road owne certain steamship lines. Pursuant to that understanding I introduced this bill. I did not favor it when a member of the conference and I do not think I shall favor it now, but certainly the communities interested are enitled to a hearing, and there are Senators who desire to have the bill become a law. It is intended to empower the C. C., if thought to be in the interest of the public and not unduly restricting on competition, to permit railroad companies to own ships on the great lakes

Said to Be Trying to Reach WILSON MEETS WITH HIS CABINET AGAIN Session Devoted to General Business Affairs.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD WASHINGTON, April 20.—President Wilson and the Cabinet held an hour and a quarter session to-day, the second since Mr. Wilson became ill eight months ago. Like the session last week, this was held in the library of the executive mansion instead of in the executive of-

fices, as is the custom.

According to the best information obainable, the time was devoted to general business affairs, covering a variety topics, including the settlement of the railroad strike and the Mexican situation. It was the first time that there has been such a general discussion, because at the meeting last week the entire time was given over to the railroad strike.

Parker Governor of Louisiana. NEW ORLEANS, April 20 .- John M Parker, Democrat, was elected Governor of Louisiana to-day. He will take office May 7, one week after the opening of the General Assembly, in which a big fight will be made for ratification of the suffrage amendment.

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